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6 Fuel Tanks Destroyed By Fire in Mozambique

JOHANNESBURG, March 26 (AP)—South African firefighters who flew to Mozambique's second city of Beira over the weekend to douse a fuel-depot blaze said six large tanks worth \$16 million owned by Mozambique's state oil company were destroyed in the blaze.

In official statements, Mozambique said unidentified "enemies" had sabotaged the tanks and losses were estimated at \$3 million. The communiques linked the fires to Rhodesia.

Informed sources said, however, that it appeared the blaze was set by internal rebels. In Lisbon, a group called the Mozambican National Resistance Movement claimed responsibility for the attack.

In an interview with The Citizen newspaper, South African team leader Rodney Camp, Mobil's operations chief engineer for southern Africa, said the six tanks were destroyed by explosives. Camp was quoted as saying it would take the state-owned company Petromac at least a year to rebuild its tanks, which contained 2.1 million gallons of fuel each. He said a nearby Mobil tank lost about 20 percent of its fuel.